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Chief Bob Parnell Announces Fallen Firefighter Visitation, Memorial and Funeral Arrangements

Salisbury, NC_March 10, 2008 – Chief Bob Parnell, speaking on behalf of the City of Salisbury and the Salisbury Fire Department stated today, that the visitation and funeral arrangements for the two fallen Salisbury firefighters have been announced.

Visitation for both firefighters will take place on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. Visitation for Victor A. Isler will take place at Lyerly's Funeral Home, 515 S. Main Street, Salisbury, from 1 pm – 4 pm. Visitation for Justin Edward Monroe will take place at Miller's Ferry Fire Department, 2650 Long Ferry Road, Salisbury, from 6 pm – 9 pm. A sentinel will stand as honor guard during both visitations. Departmental helmets will be on display at their respective services, as well as the American Flags that have covered their departure and return to Salisbury.

Omwake-Dearborn Chapel, located on the Catawba College Campus, 2300 W. Innes Street, will provide the site of the joint memorial for two of Salisbury's bravest. The 2 pm service will be held on Thursday, March 13. The families of the fallen firefighters will sit together in the Chapel, with pall bearers, dignitaries and firefighters, emergency service workers and fire fighter families in designated seating. The service will include sermons for both Baptist and Catholic denominations, remembrances by friends and a eulogy for both fallen firefighters.

A final alarm will sound at the Chapel, designating end of tour of duty. Three rounds of five strikes to the bell will be sounded, followed by the presentation of badges and fire helmets to the Isler and Monroe families. Final alarm readings for both firefighters will take place with Salisbury Fire Department Chaplain Dan Peters and Millers Ferry Fire Department Chaplain Don Gobble sharing these words on behalf of firefighters Isler and Monroe, respectively. The service will dismiss to the Rowan Memorial Cemetery, 601 Hwy, for the burial of Firefighter Monroe. In true firefighter valor, firefighter Isler will accompany Monroe to the gravesite, proud brothers to the very end. Firefighter Isler will be buried in New York at a yet to be determined time.

The Graveside service for Firefighter Justin Monroe will offer a sermon by Trading Ford Baptist Church minister, Mike Motley. Bag pipes will sound "Amazing Grace", followed by "Taps", the national firefighter protocol. At this time, Monroe's American Flag will be presented to his family by Salisbury Fire Chief Bob Parnell and Miller Ferry Fire Chief Bobby Fox. A benediction will follow with dismissal from the grave site.

For more information regarding funeral arrangements, please visit the Lyerly Funeral Home online at www.lyerlyfuneralhome.com and at 704-633-9031.

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